

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1074

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ralph Anderson of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Lancelot Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong educator, Ralph Anderson embarked upon his teaching career at Clinch High School in 1946, where he served as a teacher, coach, and part-time bus driver. After spending a year at Surgoinsville High School, he returned to Clinch High School as its principal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson then served as an instructional supervisor and, between 1961 and 1968, as the principal of Rogersville High School. He was elected to serve as the Superintendent of Hawkins County Schools in 1968, a position to which he dedicated his acumen and alacrity for twelve years before becoming the principal of Cherokee High School in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Anderson retired from the education field in 1982; and

WHEREAS, a brave and valorous citizen of these United States, Ralph Anderson served in the United States Military during World War II, during which time he was stationed in Mobile, Alabama, where he met and married his wife, Faneeda Hall Anderson; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to serving his community, Ralph Anderson was a proud member of Overton Masonic Lodge #5, Free and Accepted Masons and of Hasson Chapter

#179, Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member and past commander of the American Legion Post #21; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of the Rogersville United Methodist Church, where he held membership for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his wife of almost sixty years, Faneeda Hall Anderson; his son, Ralph L. Anderson, Jr.; his parents, Hugh and Jane Pearson Anderson; his sisters, Ruby Anderson, Sarah Anderson Hurd, and Bonnie Anderson Levacy; his brothers, John Anderson, Roy Anderson, Amos Anderson, Joe Anderson, Will Anderson, and Richard Anderson; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sons and their wives, Daffin H. and Olivia Anderson and John S. and Molly Anderson; his grandchildren and their spouses, Mary Ann and John Embleton, Ralph L. and Kelly Anderson III, Matthew A. and Amy Anderson, Michael E. Anderson, John Jacob Anderson, and Amber A. Anderson; his sisters and brother-in-law, Lillian A. Yount and Sydney A. and Joe Wallen; his great-grandchildren, Jack Embleton, Zoe Embleton, Nate Anderson, Avery Anderson, and Ava Claire Anderson; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ralph Anderson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Anderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.